

gaged in the liquor business. This is an act worthy of imitation by ecclesiastical bodies that exercise ruling power.

The World's Exposition, at New Orleans, is kept open on Sundays. This is a liberty that merits the condemnation of Christian people.

John C. Eno, the defaulting bank president, has won a medal in a billiard tournament, says an exchange. There is an aptness of association in the leading and explanatory thought in that sentence. Gambling and crime go hand in hand.

R. Z. Replogle is preaching on Yoder Hill, near Johnstown, Pa., and the hearers are accepting Christ.

Lay Service.

BY D. BAILEY.

As I listened to Elder Holsinger's remarks this morning in regard to balancing the books for the past year in our account with the Lord, I was led to make a personal application, and I thought that, though I had been punctual in my attendance on church services, Sunday school and prayer meeting, yet I felt that I had not done my duty in using my influence with others to induce them to use the talent entrusted to their care; and now, in studying this lesson I find that Paul says to these elders called from Ephesus to meet him: "And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house." And in taking a retrospective view, I must acknowledge that I have found it much easier to talk about people not improving their religious opportunities, than to talk to them about it. I do not claim to be a preacher; I exhort myself from public preaching; but every one of us has some influence over others, and we should exert this influence for their good, our justification and the Lord's glory. I know that it is a delicate task to do this private preaching without giving offence, but it can be done. Paul did it; and not one of us can say with Paul, "I am pure of the blood of all men," if we have not done our duty to the best of our ability. But to do it, the heart must be right. That man is wanting in conscientiousness who can overlook the failings of his dearest friend. But conscientiousness need not be severity. A conscientious man will tell the whole truth, but he should tell it with gentleness and tears. The witness in court may speak the word that will consign his dearest friend to the felon's cell—should speak it, if it is true—but will he speak it haughtily or with indifference? No, he would say the words falteringly and with tears. So we should speak to our friends of God's condemnation of their sins.

Christmas at Berlin, Pa.

BERLIN, PA., Dec. 27.—Christmas has come and gone, but it will be long remembered by us for the many blessings it conferred upon us, especially for the generous donation we received from the friends and brethren of the Berlin and Somerset churches. We wish to return to them our heartfelt thanks. God bless you dear brethren and friends is our prayer.

J. H. KNEPPER.
EMMA KNEPPER.

Trans-Missouri Flashes.

MORRILL, KANSAS.—Another new year on hand! Hope it may be a happy year for all the readers of the EVANGELIST. With the new year we should become stimulated with fresh zeal in the service of God. Men should act from principle. The policy man is dangerous.

To make social meetings a success, all must take part.

Assumed humility is pride in its worst form.

The BRETHREN EVANGELIST supports the church: we should support it.

We should discern between customs and doctrines.

Some people seem to think that foolishness, ignorance or superstition is simplicity, but it isn't.

Never be ashamed of anything that is good and honorable, even though for the time being you must suffer for it.

The Old Order Brethren are the nearest right on ancient methods; and if ancient methods are essential to salvation, they only are right.

The lash, whether secular or ecclesiastic, is a poor appliance in this age and country.

S. S. Mohler, at the expelling council held near Falls City, Neb., in the fall, publicly declared that all the decisions of A. M. were in harmony with the Gospel. What in the world does the man mean?

A creed, just like the Gospel, seems to us useless.

Real sorrow penetrates deep. True happiness is gently inclined.

Indispensables are scarce.

Baptism, when properly associated, is for the remission of sins. Brethren's creed, Acts ii: 38.

The Brethren do keep the ordinances, notwithstanding the report to the contrary.

That "God is love" should be exemplified by his people.

Go to meeting unless the weather is too bad to go to town.

Wonder why S. S. Mohler declined to debate with Holsinger. A champion of the church should not thus flinch.

Aggressiveness in good doing is very essential in order to genuine Christian development.

Sluggards are foolish, more foolish, most foolish. That makes sluggishness a very foolish thing.

Infidelity is a vaunting negative.

Few criminals are more terribly denounced in the Bible than those who "teach for doctrine the commandments of men." Why should they not be? They endanger body, soul and spirit.

Those who think that the most of life is to have plenty to eat, drink and wear, are sadly mistaken.

"Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher."

Pray often, pray much, pray earnestly.

Confess your faults positively and be honest.

Among the Jews, a man with \$1,000 annual income, had to pay \$100 annual revenue for religious purposes. Some of us would be very much unsuited to be Jews.

A big mission field is ripe for harvest out here in the West: Where are the reapers?

Avenge yourselves on your enemies by praying for them.

Not fanaticism, but more enthusiasm is what churches need just now.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Therefore fear God and "in all thy gettings get wisdom."

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Milford, Ind.

JAN. 5, 1885.—I am holding a meeting in this town, in the Disciple meeting house. We have a full house every night, good attention and the best of interest. Names are given over from the German Baptists right along. We think we will organize a Brethren church at this place some time this week. From here I go to brother Daniel Cripe's congregation, near Elkhart, Ind. Meeting will commence Saturday evening, 10th inst.

JNO. NICHOLSON.

Two Added.

LAWRENCE, KAN., JAN. 6, 1885.—We held meetings in our home (Pony Creek) church from the evening of Jan. 1st, to the evening of the 4th. Result, two accessions by baptism. The Pony Creek church is in a healthy and working attitude.

Last evening we began work here, in the city of Lawrence, for an indefinite length of time. The church here seems to be a living epistle. Hope God may bless and give increase to our labors here. Pray for us.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Sister Heft.

Sister Heft, wife of brother George Heft, of Bush Creek church, departed this life recently, at the age of seventy-one years, one month and fifteen days. She was a member of the Brethren church for twenty-five years. She lived a consistent Christian life, and always had a word of comfort for those around her.

Sister Heft was one of the number who were locked out of the church house here, and only expressed a desire to live to see the Brethren church completed; and the Lord spared her life to see the dedication. After hearing the dedicatory sermon preached she said, Now let me depart in peace since I have seen thy salvation, and the church is safe.

J. M. RITTIGERS.

Logan, Ohio.

Local Items.

A. L. Garber will preach at the College Chapel next Sunday.

Brother Homan, from the Black River church, gave the sanctum a call last week.

Elder H. R. Holsinger has gone to Montgomery Co., Ohio, and will be gone over Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Davis leaves Ashland next week to join her husband in the southern part of the State. Ashland will miss sister Davis.

Brother Hixson, as President of the College, announced daily prayer meeting in his room at the opening of the College, and it has been well attended.

Sister Lottie Holsinger has returned to her home in Ashland, after an absence of several weeks. She brought with her a young lady student from Berlin, Pa.

Elder Holsinger's New Year's sermon at the College Chapel was an incentive to greater efforts in the service of the Master during 1885, and was profitable to the hearer.

Elder Christ Meyers of Juniata county, Pa., paid us a visit last week. He brought his son with him and he is now a student of Ashland College. Ashland College is a well-conducted school and this fact is becoming known far and near.

The Ashland prayer meeting is growing in interest and influence. The plan of conducting it, we believe originated with Bro. Bailey. The leader opens and conducts the meeting, appoints his successor, and assigns topics taken from the coming Sunday school lesson, to different mem-

bers of the class. These topics are briefly discussed by those to whom they have been assigned, and by others who may volunteer to do so. The discussions are interspersed with singing and prayer.

We neglected to mention before that Elder Isaac Kilhefner and wife were agreeably surprised by their neighbors and friends on their marriage anniversary a few weeks ago. They came with valuable presents, good things to eat, and above all with many kind words expressive of the respect and high esteem they entertained for brother and sister Kilhefner. After dinner speeches were made by elders Brown, Holsinger, McFaden and others, and the crowd dispersed leaving the pair wealthier and wiser and extremely happy.

Ashland College.

A FEW FACTS FOR THE SYMPATHETIC.

So much has been said in regard to the Ashland College, both pro and con, and so many of its former friends are looking so sharply for signs of decay or dissolution, that its present friends are very careful in their statements, and though we hope that no willful misrepresentations have been made, we fear that some are still in ignorance of the facts.

The school year during which the German Baptists finally deserted the school (1882-83), found the institution running in debt at the rate of three thousand dollars a year for mere running expenses, to say nothing of the interest on the indebtedness.

This year the expenses will run very nearly three thousand, two hundred dollars, exclusive of the music department which is self-sustaining, and as each student pays thirty-two dollars tuition per year, it is easy to be seen that an average of one hundred students will pay the running expenses.

We have not one hundred students exclusive of music students, and this is why we write. The College wants patronage. Brother Holsinger has left his work to go out to raise the indebtedness, but brethren, we want more, we want students.

Let each church send two students where they now send one, and we can next year pay the running expenses and have a nice little sum to pay interest on the indebtedness, to buy books for the library or to devote to some other good purpose.

PUBLISHERS' DEPARTMENT.

Special Notices.

Patrons to this office will please pay strict attention to this item. All business letters and correspondence belonging to the present management should be addressed the Brethren Publishing House, and only such business letters as belong exclusively to the old firm should be addressed to H. R. Holsinger & Co. We have no business connection with the office at present, and compliance with this request will save us annoyance and labor. And as we are retiring from business it will be expected that we will pay up all our indebtedness. This we cannot do until our delinquents will pay us. Now, therefore, brethren, please come forward, one and all of you, and pay us promptly, as Christian brethren should do. No matter how small the amount, it will be needed to make up the grand total of our indebtedness. We have sent out a number of statements of accounts which have not yet been responded to. We want nothing but what is due us, and that we think we should have. We are anxious now to get into the field again and finish our college work, and we cannot do so with any degree of satisfaction until all our business has been settled up properly.

H. R. HOLSINGER.

Will You Do So.

With this week earnest and constant work falls upon us, and for all we know, it may be our duty to issue a paper every week for the next ten years to defend the religion of our Master, to fight against sin, to speak words of encouragement to soldiers of the Cross, and tell what is transpiring in the Church and in the field. We expect to publish fifty-two numbers in each year, and this will require devoted application and constant labor, and many prayers to do the work well. We shall pray for you and ourselves, and labor for you and ourselves; and we beg that you may feel such an interest in your welfare and ours that you will not fail to present your petitions to the throne of grace that we may all do well and work well.

A Good Decision.

A decision to read carefully the article in this issue by brother Bailey, and put into practice the ideas contained therein, would be a good decision. There are many most worthy brethren and sisters who would gladly follow the line of work that it suggests, but they feel too modest and unworthy, yet there is work that they can do, and do it well: they can very materially aid in circulating our church paper and tracts on religious subjects. Seed thus sown often yields abundant harvests, and brings distressed souls to the Comforter and makes them glad in the profession of salvation. How many of our dear brethren and sisters will join with us in carrying forward this line of the Master's blessed work?

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The EVANGELIST is a bright, interesting, religious paper, and we know that our little readers would make agents. We will send a neat little autograph album, with the EVANGELIST editors' names on the first two leaves, to any girl or boy, who will send us one subscriber and \$1.50, or three subscribers for four months, and 50 cents each. Who will be first to take us up.

The Brethren's Annual.

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Don't forget that we are able to do ordinary job printing in good style. Send for estimates when you have a job, and patronize the Publishing House, when you can do as well with us as elsewhere.

Agents should remember that checks on local banks are not money. Don't send them to us to pay bills. Drafts on New York banks only are acceptable.

MARRIED—At the home of the bride's parents, four miles southeast of Ashland, on December 31, 1884, by Rev. Isaac Kilhefner, Mr. Levi W. Gardner, and Miss Julia Nelson, both of Ashland County, Ohio.

MARRIED—By the undersigned, on Saturday evening, Dec. 13, 1884, at the residence of Aaron Leedy, in Richmond Co., Ohio, Mr. Eli L. Hess, of Knox County, and Miss Rosalie E. Atkinson, of Holmes Co.

ISAAC LEEDY.

MARRIED—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Ankenytown, Ohio, on Dec. 30th, 1884, brother Seth Conrad to sister Nancy J. Leedy.

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MARRIED—By brother Daniel Kellar on Christmas evening, 1884, at the residence of the bride's father, Geo. W. Shimp, of Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa., to Miss Lavina Kiehl, of Walnut Bottom, Camb. Co., Pa.

MARRIED—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Waterloo, Iowa, Dec. 31, 1884, by Rev. S. H. Bashor, Mr. Elias Miller and Miss Etta Flickinger, all of Black Hawk county, Iowa.

MARRIED—By the undersigned at the residence of the bride's mother, Dec. 28th, 1884, Mr. Andrew P. G. Shaw, of Penesville, Fayette county, Pa., and Miss Damaras E. Lane, of Jones Mills, Westmoreland county, Pa.

W. A. HARMAN.

DIED—In Wabash Co. Indiana, October 12, 1884, Sarah, wife of Albert Myers, aged 47 years, 10 months, and 14 days. Funeral services by Eld. Wm. Somers, from Job 14: 14, to a large concourse of sympathizing friends, who, no doubt feel the loss of a kind companion, a dear mother and an affectionate sister in the Church. We hope our loss may be her eternal gain. DAVID SWINART.